

CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

1. A holster, comprising:
 - a. a planar member capable of being actuated as a cantilever beam;
 - b. a holding member coupled to the planar member by at least one fastener;
 - c. at least two retaining members extending from the planar member towards the holding member, such that when the planar member is not actuated as a cantilever beam, the planar member, the holding member, the at least one fastener and the at least two retaining members form a closed loop;
- 10 wherein the at least two retaining members are preloaded against the holding member.
2. The holster of claim 1, further comprising a frictional member coupled to each of the at least two retaining members.
3. The holster of claim 1, wherein the at least two retaining members comprise a front retaining member and a rear retaining member, wherein the front retaining member is positioned higher on the planar member than the rear retaining member.
- 15 4. The holster of claim 3, wherein the planar member comprises at least one concave curvature.
5. The holster of claim 1, wherein the planar member is coupled to the holding member by at least two fasteners, wherein the at least two fasteners are selected from the group consisting of screws, rivets, glues, hot melt joints, welds, plastic, adhesives, stitching and epoxies.
- 20 6. The holster of claim 5, wherein the holding member is formed from a single piece of material folded in a U-shape so as to accommodate a firearm.
7. The holster of claim 6, wherein the holding member is constructed from a material selected from the group consisting of plastics, styrene, APS, polycarbonates, Kydex, leather, cloth and vinyl.
- 25 8. The holster of claim 7, wherein a curved portion of the U-shape comprises a notched aperture for accommodating a sight of the firearm.
9. The holster of claim 8, wherein an open portion of the U-shape accommodates a trigger guard of the firearm.

10. The holster of claim 9, wherein the holding member is molded such that the interior of the U-shape comprises the negative image of the firearm.

11. The holster of claim 10, wherein the open portion of the U-shape is closed by the at least two fasteners, wherein the at least two fasteners are selected from the group consisting of screws, rivets, glues, hot melt joints, welds, plastic, adhesives, stitching and epoxies.

5 12. The holster of claim 1, wherein the at least two retaining members comprise at least one screw coupled to at least one screw boss.

13. The holster of claim 1, wherein the at least two retaining members each comprise a means for creating friction disposed about the at least two retaining members.

10 14. The holster of claim 13, wherein the means for creating friction comprise a rubber grommet disposed about the retaining member.

15. The holster of claim 1, wherein the at least two retaining members extend from the planar member at an angle of between 85 and 95 degrees.

16. A firearm assembly, comprising:

15 a. a firearm;

b. a holster, comprising:

i. a planar member capable of being actuated as a cantilever beam;

ii. a holding member coupled to the planar member by at least one fastener;

iii. at least two retaining members extending from the planar member towards the holding member, such that the planar member, the holding member, the at least one fastener and at least two retaining members form a closed loop; and

20 iv. a means for creating fiction coupled to the retaining member; and

c. a belt;

25 wherein the belt is positioned within the space circumscribed by the planar member, the holding member, the at least one fastener and the at least two retaining members.

17. The firearm assembly of claim 16, wherein the planar member is preloaded so as to exert force causing at least one of the at least two retaining members to contact the holding member.

30 18. The firearm assembly of claim 16, wherein when the holster is coupled to the belt, a front edge of the holster aligns at a non-perpendicular angle with respect to the belt.